

Called meeting of the City Council  
Austin Tex May 28 1884

How W. A. Dayton

Mayor Presiding

All call present aldermen Hancock Campbell  
Schubar Maas Robertson J. W. Driskill Adell Carrington  
Hill Platt Ervin & Brush 14

Absent Aldermen Schneider Dutton Pillaew  
Wells Underhill Crooker Robertson S. S. and  
Brewer.

Alderman Hancock moved a call  
of the Council motion adopted and the marshal  
sent after the absentees

Alderman G. Robertson moved to suspend  
the Call of the Council motion adopted

A Petition signed by Cass P. Raymond E. W.  
Berryman W. W. Cannon C. P. Crooker J. Saggie  
and H. W. Townsend jurors in the case City of  
Austin vs. James Burns, asking the Council to  
remit a fine of \$10<sup>00</sup> and costs assessed by the  
recorder for contempt of court

Alderman Schneider Wells and Brewer  
came in answered to their names

Alderman Hill moved that the Council  
proceed to investigate the facts in regard  
to the petition motion adopted On the statement  
made by C. P. Raymond Foreman and the jury  
that no contempt of court was intended. the  
Mayor recommended that the fine be remitted  
On motion the fine was remitted

The Finance committee introduced an ordinance  
entitled an ordinance appropriating the  
sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars  
for the purpose of paying a note of the City of  
Austin in favor of R. M. Swinson and Son of.

New York

The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote, yeas Aldermen Schneider Hancock Mads Mills Campbell Schuber Robertson J. W. Triskill Odell Carrington Hill Platt Ervin Brush and Brunner. Total 15.

Alderman Odell presented the following letter which was read

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To the Board of Aldermen. Austin Tex  
Gentlemen

Ascertaining that several members of your honorable Board of Aldermen honestly think that if the City had a sufficient opportunity to dispose of its bonds it could realize a better figure than I can offer and learning that the City Council is called to meet this evening to consider the matter and desiring to impose no obstacle to the City getting the best possible figures it can for its bonds I hereby withdraw my proposition to take the City Bonds at 98 cents with accrued interest and release the City entirely from its contract to sell to me at the price offered

I further beg to submit that I think the Austin City Bonds should bring far more, and I trust it can be gotten for them. Certainly I shall do all I can if it be desired in aiding to get that price for them

Respectfully

A. Woodrodge

The Mayor addressed the Council as follows

To the Honorable City Council of the City of  
Austin

Gentlemen

I have the honor to tender my resignation as Mayor of the City of Austin to take effect June 1<sup>st</sup> 1884 a position which through the suffrages of her people I have by their kind partiality been twice chosen to fill. In discharging the duties of the office I have tried to the best of my ability to serve her interests honestly and faithfully.

If I have committed error they were of the head and not of the heart. The prosperity and material advancement of Austin has been my great aim and I congratulate her citizens upon the rapid strides she is making in that direction as is evidenced by magnificent residences that adorn her beautiful hills and massive blocks daily being erected on her business streets. The sound of the saw and hammer are heard throughout her limits. She rapidly improving in moral and educational facilities as shown by her increasing churches and school houses and the location of the State University in her corporation, an institution in which I am proud to say every citizen takes great pride in its assured success.

I look forward to Austin's future with great hope and when she shall have awakened to the great importance of erecting upon the banks of her beautiful Colorado immense manufactories sufficient for home employment of the thousands of good citizens who would gladly avail themselves of her educational advantages and beautiful climate she will then assume her proper place among the vigorous cities of the great State of Texas. But until her energetic business men awake to this fact the Cities of Fort Worth, San Antonio, Galveston and Houston will continue to lead her in people and prosperity as now.

To you, Gentlemen of the City Council with whom my personal and business relations, I am proud to say, have been of the most pleasant and agreeable character as well as to every City official of the present city administration.

I must say in closing my official and social intercourse has without exception been of the most agreeable and pleasant nature and in taking leave of you I can assure you I shall carry with me to my new home the kindest feelings individually for all, wishing you every success in life and feeling that in the continued discharge of your official duties you will strive to build up and advance the material interests of Austin.

Very Respectfully  
W. A. Taylor

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Alderman Odell introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin  
That in accepting the Resignation of the  
Hon W A Taylor as Mayor of this City, we do so  
with feelings of deep regret and we desire to assure  
him that he carries with him to his new home the  
best wishes of this Council for his future prosperity  
and happiness, and we most cordially commend  
him to the people with whom he is about to  
make his home, as an honest upright gentleman  
deserving among them the highest confidence

Resolved That this resolution be spread upon  
the journals of the Council and that the City Clerk  
be instructed to furnish a copy to the Hon W A  
Taylor.

Alderman J. W. Robertson introduced an ordinance  
entitled an ordinance to provide for special  
elections of Mayor in case of a vacancy

The ordinance was read second and third  
times under suspension of the rules and passed  
by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider  
Hancock W. H. Campbell Schubert, Mads J. W. Robertson  
Driskill Odell Barrington Hill Platt Erwin Brush  
and Brunner

Alderman Platt moved that at the next meeting of  
the Council aldermen from each ward furnish  
names of persons to act judges of election and designate  
places to hold said election

On motion the Council adjourned  
Read and approved June 16 1884

J. J. Purcell  
City Clerk